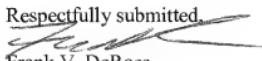


REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted to address the drawing objections set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action of April 21, 2006, and the Office Communication of October 17, 2006. In Applicants previous Amendment filed on July 25, 2006, the drawing objections were traversed on the ground that under 37 CFR 1.81 and 35 U.S.C. 113, there is no requirement that a drawing be furnished to illustrate claimed subject matter in circumstances where the claimed subject matter can be understood without the drawing. In the case at bar, the record establishes that at the very least, the subject matter of claim 20, which Examiner has indicated includes allowable subject matter, is understandable without resort to specific illustration. As such, the inclusion of a drawing that illustrates the subject matter of claim 20 is not statutorily required, *per se*, but rather such inclusion is optional at the behest of the Examiner.

In this regard, Applicants maintain their objection and traversal of the drawing objections. However, in the interest of cooperation and expediting prosecution, Applicants have submitted herewith a new drawing sheet containing additional figures 3E, 3F and 3G to illustrate the subject matter of claim 20. By the above amendment, Applicants have amended the specification accordingly to reference the added figures. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by virtue of the added drawings and specification amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the drawing and specification amendments and withdrawal of the drawing objections.

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